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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC) A PREPCOM

REF: ROME 1901

1. WE AGREE WITH FORMULA PROPOSED REFTEL THAT ECOSOC
APPOINT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC) PREPCOM BUT BELIEVE
PREPCOM SHOULD REPORT TO ECOSOC (AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY)
RATHER THAN SYG/DG OR CONFERENCE SECRETARY. ECOSOC WILL
MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES BEFORE NOVEMBER '74 WFC AND
COULD CONFIRM WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS NEED ITS APPROVAL ON
THOSE OCCASIONS. PREPCOM SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM ECOSOC
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MEMBERS (AND BASED ON ECOSOC GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION) WHO

WILL BE ELECTED BY 28TH GA NEXT WEEK.

2. IN OUR VIEW, 27 IS MOST APPROPRIATE NUMBER FOR PREPCOM BECAUSE 1) EXPERIENCE WITH BOTH POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCES PROVED SUCCESSFUL WITH SIMILAR NUMBER; 2) GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF 27 MEMBERS, BASED ON ECOSOC MODEL, COULD AVOID POLITICAL DEBATE ON MAKE-UP OF PREPCOM.

3. RESUMED ECOSOC MEETING WHICH WILL DEAL WITH WFC ITEM WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO DECEMBER 10, ACCORDING TO LATEST INFORMATION FROM UN SECRETARIAT.

4. FURTHER VIEWS RE ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS AND OTHER ASPECTS PREPARATORY PHASE WFC WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL. KISSINGER

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